

Richmond Dispatch.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1882.

The General Assembly.
The General Assembly adjourned sine die yesterday. That is to say, the two houses adjourned because the Constitution forbids that a session shall exceed ninety days. But it is understood that an extra session is to be called by the Governor.

Why should the Governor waste thirty or forty or fifty thousand dollars of the money of a State too poor to pay her debts? What measure does the State would not be better without? The tax bill is a continuing act. So is the law for the assessment of property. The act of Congress provides for the election of ten congressmen from this State next fall. What bill, then, is before the Legislature which calls for an extra session?

Do the people of Virginia wish to have their judges legislated out of office? No. Do they wish to have the county superintendents of schools legislated out of office? They do not; nor can it be done. Their title to their offices is as good as Governor Cameron's to his. If they can be legislated out of office before the expiration of their constitutional term, so can he. No lawyer can point out a defect in their title which does not exist in his. But the fact is that both his title and theirs are indefeasible.

Do the people of Virginia desire to have the business of the courts entrusted to mere partisan commissioners in chancery? They do not; and Governor Cameron well knows that of the white men of this Commonwealth at least two thirds are opposed to any such revolutionary measure.

Shall there be an extra session in order that the present competent notaries public may be succeeded by a set of incompetents? Is all the curial business of the State to be entrusted to new hands? Shall nothing be held sacred?

Or is the Legislature to be reconvened in order that a commissioner of land-sales for each county and city may be appointed, and thus every lawyer's case taken out of his own hands when he succeeds in getting a decree of sale? Why should the General Assembly even think of such a thing? Not a dollar will be saved to the parties litigant if the percentage now allowed for making sales is not reduced. A system of mere favoritism will grow up, if not one of downright corruption.

Where in the broad limits of the Commonwealth is there a lawyer who has asked for his business to be taken out of his own hands, and put into the hands of an appointee of the Governor? Where is the client who has asked that his case shall be taken out of the hands of the lawyer employed by himself, and put into the hands of a commissioner selected by a stranger? Where is the Judge, Reckduser or Del-Payer, who has confessed his unfitness for the bench by asking that another officer shall be empowered to appoint either his commissioners in chancery or his commissioners to sell lands?

And yet these and such as these, and even worse, measures are what the General Assembly expects to be reconvened to consider. We would that we could hope better things from the Governor. But we are afraid that he cannot withstand the pressure of his surroundings. We shall very soon learn the worst.

P. S. The Governor has called an extra session. There is no limit to an extra session except the fact that the members can draw only \$180 each, whether the session be long or short. However, we trust the Democrats will exhaust every legislative device in their efforts to defeat the abominable schemes of the Revolutionists. These mischief-makers won't stay here long for \$180 which they can draw for one day's work.

Captain Eads's Schemes.

In commenting in our last issue upon the practicability of Captain Eads's proposed ship railway, we omitted to say that we do not wish Congress to guarantee the bonds he intends to issue. We are thoroughly convinced, after reading the documents sent to us by Captain Eads, that his scheme is entirely practicable. But practicability and desirability are not the same thing. The money ought to be advanced by capitalists if the projected railway would pay good dividends; whereas if it is not expected to pay at least a fair per cent. upon the cost of it, there is no necessity to construct it at all. Inside of our own country, railroads or canals may be paid for out of the public treasury whether they prove profitable or not. There may be controlling reasons not at all connected with pecuniary considerations—as, for instance, in the case of the railroads uniting the Eastern United States with the States on the Pacific coast. But Congress ought never to think of contributing out of the public treasury towards the construction of railroads in foreign countries.

We are, on the other hand, warmly in favor of Captain Eads's schemes for improving the Mississippi river. He does not merely propose to improve the navigation of that grand stream, but to improve the river itself. He would give it bounds, and prevent disastrous overflows such as those of which the papers have lately been so full. We would be willing to have millions of dollars expended upon these schemes. We are not sure that the latter scheme is practicable, as we are not sure that it is impracticable; but we are willing to trust a good deal to a man whom the whole world seems to recognize as a master in his profession. His fame is no doubt well deserved. He won it by his works. And if he can make the Mississippi the serviceable river he claims to be able to make it, and put an end to its disastrous overflows, he will have earned for himself a name which will be as enduring as the Father of Waters itself.

The Chicago Tribune disparages General McClellan when speaking of the bill to "retire" General Grant. We can tell the Tribune that it is the opinion of some folks that if Grant instead of McClellan had been in command of the Federal army around Richmond in 1862, that army would never have been heard of afterwards except as prisoners, and the war would have ended almost three years sooner than it did. The last remedy a sick man takes before he recovers is the one which he recommends to his friends. Grant happened to do the last remedy used by Uncle Sam.

We are glad that RODERICK MCLEAN, who shot at the Queen last week, has turned out to be a man who was not long since an inmate of a lunatic asylum. To everybody, and to the Englishman especially, there is much satisfaction in the reflection, Americans would have experienced the same sort of feeling if Gu-

TEAR had proved to be a lunatic instead of a mere crank. It is not pleasant to fear that some men may be expected to shoot Presidents of the United States if these latter offend them.

The Oyster Interest.
We return thanks to Hon. G. D. WISE for a public communication (unbound) with the following title:
"The History and Present Condition of the Fishery Industries, Prepared under the Direction of Professor S. F. BAIRD, United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, by G. Brown Goode, Assistant Director United States National Museum, and a Staff of Associates. The Oyster Industry. By Ernest Ingersoll."

The book comes from the Census Bureau.

Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia.
It is much better to get this valuable book at a late day than to miss it altogether. We have just received the *Annual Cyclopaedia* for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880. It contains a record of all the most important events of those years. It is strongly bound, and the letter-press is entirely unexceptionable. For sale by D. APPLETON & CO., New York.

Mr. Joseph Cook, the famous lecturer, who is perhaps better known as the Rev. Josiah Cook, though he is not a clergyman at all, has been heard from. He was lecturing in India in the month of January. Here are two characteristic propositions which he made in the course of one of his lectures:

"The lecturer then asked the natives to join in a prayer with him. [Cries of 'No! no!'] The lecturer then asked the Hindus to join him in the Lord's prayer in the name of their false gods. [Cries of 'Shame!'] Here Rev. Mr. Livingston got up and said: 'The Lord's prayer is a very sacred and solemn prayer, and no one should be asked to join in it unless he has received holy baptism. It is no use casting pearls before swine.' [Cries of 'Who are the swine?']

In a published card, Mr. RIVINGTON says that he meant no offence to the natives. We had expected Mr. Cook to be on the other side before now, so tintured are his lectures with rationalism. But he still holds out faithful, if he can be considered faithful who makes such propositions as those alluded to in the paragraph above quoted.

STANTON.

THE ESCAPED PRISONERS—DEATH ON THE RAIL—OFFICIAL INSPECTION OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY—SPRINGMANAGER—RELIGIOUS.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

MARCH 6, 1882.
The policemen who were sent in pursuit of the escaped prisoners and convicts from the Staunton jail returned Saturday night without having met with any success. A negro man was discovered dead on the track of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, near Craigville last night who is supposed to be one of the runaways. He was killed by a passing train.

A special passenger train last night having on board Mr. C. P. Huntington, General Passenger Agent Smith, Colonel General, of the Boston and Albany railroad, and other officials. They are on a tour of inspection over the Chesapeake and Ohio from Newport News to Cincinnati, and will go as far as Texas.

Mr. Eugene G. Peyton has just been elected general manager of the Rockbridge Alum Springs by the Board of Directors. He was elected on a day or two ago. Mr. Peyton is a brother of Colonel George L. Peyton, the manager of the White Sulphur, and his connection with the management of that great southern watering-place for several years past has been so satisfactory to the travelling public that his friends are confident that in almost every city and town in the country. The company has made a good selection.

Yesterday at the Second Presbyterian church Rev. J. E. Booker, assisted by the session, ordained and installed Mr. J. M. Lichter and Mr. B. F. Hughes, deacons, and Mr. J. E. Hughes, clerk. The church was crowded, and the services were of the first Presbyterian church by Rev. J. W. Rosebro, who preached to very large congregations.

Oyster Dredgers.

MATHEWS COURTHOUSE, VA., MARCH 4, 1882.

[From the Tidewater Leader.]
"Governor Cameron's capture of several vessels illegally dredging oysters in Virginia waters gives us a practical example between a good government and a bad one. We had a statute prohibiting dredging before; we now have an Executive that enforces this law. Our Governor's action cannot be overrated, if it drives from our oyster-beds the piratical fleet that have defied our laws so long."

"At last we have once more a Governor and a Government indeed. And already it is proclaimed to the ends of the earth that Virginia will protect her soil and her waters, and enforce her laws at all costs and hazards. The proclamation, too, is accompanied everywhere with plaudits for the Reckduser Governor's conduct—plaudits that recognize the fact that men and gods alone help and defend them who know how to help and defend themselves."

Governor Cameron is entitled to commendation for the part he took in the capture of the oyster-dredgers. No one in this section desires to rob him of any credit justly due him. On the other hand, he is applauded by everybody. But who inaugurated this movement? Answer: T. J. Christian and N. B. Evans. They applied all their time and talent in getting up the expedition that has terminated so successfully. They persevered against great delays and other hindering causes. Their hopes were almost gone. They were ready to give up the project, but Governor Cameron agreed to fit out an expedition. Christian made a forced trip from Richmond to Mathews to have the warrants issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff. He could get no conveyance from West Point to Mathews. Still he went, and he succeeded. He made all necessary arrangements, and met the Governor in Norfolk at the appointed time. He took part in the expedition, was requested by the Governor to assist Major Emmet. Addresses were made by Hon. William E. Robinson of New York; Senator Charles W. Jones, of Florida, and others. The day was celebrated in New York by a large gathering at Cooper Institute, where addresses were delivered by Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Hon. William J. Hynes, of Chicago.

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By contracting a severe cough and cold I was compelled to give up my daily work and keep to the house. A neighbor recommended me to try a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It was procured and used. To my astonishment relief was instantaneous. EDW. W. CLAYTON, Waverly, Md.

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Two Men Drowned on the Rappahannock.

On Friday last an accident occurred on the Rappahannock river, in Essex county, Va., which resulted in the drowning of two white men, and the capture of a third, named Randall Pied. They were going on a tug having in tow several canal-boats that are engaged in carrying railroads to Philadelphia passed them. The men and the tugboat captain were on the river, but the tugboat was refused on the ground that as they were going so fast it was dangerous for so small a craft. Some of the men on one of the canal-boats, however, caught their line, and they were in the enjoyment of a pleasant ride without rowing when the fatal accident occurred. Having been drawn close alongside the boat to which they were fastened, a canal-boat on the other side of them in making a turn swung around, and the little boat with its living freight was crushed to pieces. When the boats were parted nothing was seen of the unfortunate men, but their two bodies floating with the debris of the boat upon the top of the water. At last accounts their bodies had not been recovered.

Virginia News.

Mr. William H. Hunter, clerk of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, died on Saturday.

Mr. George Reid, of Norfolk, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday.

A frame house belonging to Mr. John Probst, in Madison, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. His loss is about \$250. Partially insured in the Lynchburg Savings and Insurance Company.

At the works of F. Rorer & Co., on the Shenandoah Valley railroad, on Friday, Mr. M. V. Kames, of Bedford county, and two negroes, Bob Smith and W. Crews, were killed when they were charging a blast. A keg of powder upon which Crews was sitting was ignited, and the negro blown a considerable distance. No one was killed.

How a Court-Room was Cleared by a Prisoner.—When Robert A. Nelson, who is charged with the violation of the internal-revenue laws, was being examined in the court-room on Saturday evening before Commissioner Gallagher, a somewhat startling as well as amusing incident occurred. The court-room was crowded with witnesses and spectators. Colonel Brady, in questioning Nelson, asked him where he lived and how long he had been in Petersburg. Nelson's reply was that for the last two or three months he had been acting as steward at the small-pox hospital in Richmond, and that he had only left that hospital two or three days ago. This announcement was somewhat electrical in its effects. The persons who sat near the prisoner burst into a loud laugh, and the court-room was cleared of its audience.

Arrangements are being made at Hong Kong to ship from 5,000 to 10,000 coolies to Portland, Oregon, before the anti-Chinese bill, if passed by Congress, can take effect.

Ephraim Kines, who was indicted five years ago for illicit distilling in West Virginia, was captured last week by Deputy-Marshal Hagerty, near the Maryland border.

O'Leary defeated Downey in a thirty-six hour walking-match in New Orleans for \$1,000 a side. The score stood: O'Leary, 135 miles and 9 laps; Downey, 135 miles and 5 laps.

Governor Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, Senator Vance, of North Carolina, and many other distinguished gentlemen, were present at the opening of the Commonwealth Club, in Philadelphia, Saturday evening.

A report comes from Boston that General Butler is to take charge of the defence in the Guitau case; also that new evidence of Guitau's insanity has been discovered, upon which a motion will be made for a new trial.

The Hon. Albert R. Hatch died at Portsmouth, N. H., Sunday, of cerebral hemorrhage, aged sixty-five. He was a prominent lawyer, and had several terms in the State Legislature, being Speaker of the Assembly in 1874.

A large meeting of telegraphers was held at Pittsburgh Sunday for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the proposed Telegraphers' Convention. There were nearly 500 operators in attendance, and it was decided to hold a convention in that city on March 20th.

The Philadelphia Committee of One Hundred have discovered frauds which occurred in the November election in the fifteenth division of the Twenty-sixth ward. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the judge and inspectors of the division, but they have fled. The committee offers a reward of \$500 for their apprehension.

The autopsy on the body of John Lewis, who was reported to have died in New York from the effect of a playful slap on the abdomen, inflicted by Henry Weiman on Friday last, reveals the fact that a blow of unusual force had been inflicted, the stomach, intestines, kidneys, and renal veins being much congested.

Judge Miller, in the United States Court at Keokuk, Iowa, decides that it is the duty of every railroad company to provide such conveyance, by special carrier or otherwise, as is required for the safe and proper transportation of express matter, and that the use of these facilities should be extended on equal terms to all who are usually and actually engaged in the express business.

A mass-meeting of Irish citizens was held at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday night, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Robert Emmet. Addresses were made by Hon. William E. Robinson of New York; Senator Charles W. Jones, of Florida, and others. The day was celebrated in New York by a large gathering at Cooper Institute, where addresses were delivered by Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Hon. William J. Hynes, of Chicago.

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Alleged Safe-Robbers Arrested.
New York, March 6.—Frank Hammett and James Welsh, two fugitives from justice of Savannah, Ga., charged with stealing \$500 from the safe in the Planters' Hotel there on the 15th of February, were arraigned in the Tombs Police Court today, and held to await a requisition from the Governor of Georgia.

For aged men, women, weak and sickly children, without a rival. Will not cause headache. Brown's Iron Bitters.

DEATHS.
Died, March 6, 1882, Mrs. LUCY A. RANDOLPH, widow of Thomas Mann Randolph, of Turlock, in the eighty-second year of her age. Her funeral will take place from St. Paul's church at 12 M. TO-DAY.

MEETINGS.
MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, No. 22, are earnestly requested to attend a regular meeting of their Lodge at St. Albans, on TUESDAY EVENING at 7 o'clock. Members of sister Lodges in this city and Manchester and all transient brethren in good standing are invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M., JOHN C. TELLER, Secretary.

AMERICAN LEGION OF HONOR.
The members of the American Legion of Honor, No. 411, A. O. U. M., will attend a stated meeting at their hall, No. 100 Broadway, on TUESDAY EVENING at 7 o'clock. Members of sister Lodges in this city and Manchester and all transient brethren in good standing are invited to meet with us. By order of the Commander, JOHN C. TELLER, Secretary.

CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
The eleventh annual meeting will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers and other business. A fine of fifty cents is imposed by the law for non-attendance at this meeting. By order of the President, A. M. KELLEY.

THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF HONOR OF VIRGINIA. will meet in an annual session, in Lynchburg, TUESDAY EVENING, March 7th, at 7 o'clock. All representatives, and members are requested to be promptly present at the opening of session. By order of the Grand Lodge, WILLIAM H. BAILEY, Grand Reporter.

TO THE OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND KNIGHTS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR OF VIRGINIA. A special card for the accommodation of those desiring to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor of Virginia, will be held at the office of the company, in the city of Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY, March 7th, at 7 o'clock. By order of the Grand Lodge, R. BROOKS, Secretary.

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TURKEY-RED TABLE DAMASK at 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410